



## HM Treasury Courtyards

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As part of a total refurbishment of HM Treasury by Foster + Partners, Gustafson Porter + Bowman's brief for the East and West Courtyards was to create a pleasant space with a simplified layout that would serve as a place for small working groups, large events and a peaceful space for contemplation. Our landscape design transforms two lightwells into lush gardens which are organised to support the main east-west axis of the new masterplan.

The subtly-undulating landscape form of the West Courtyard creates planted areas around a still, reflecting pool at its centre, which is divided by a gently arching pedestrian bridge. The pool, which can be drained to generate space for events, creates a focus to the space and its reflective surface draws light into the centre. Hard materials used include slate, timber and stainless steel which are offset by shade tolerant perennial planting beds and mature trees. Surrounding the pool on three sides are shade-loving species including a fern garden planted with white flowering bulbs, Magnolias, Cornus, and a Liriodendron tree. The fourth quadrant, paved in slate, provides a bench below a Ginkgo tree where staff can take advantage of the view and the dappled afternoon sunlight. Gustafson Porter + Bowman's design for the East Courtyard uses the same palette of materials as the West Courtyard, but aims to create a less formal group of smaller and more intimate garden spaces which offer the potential for an outdoor gathering area for larger groups and quieter spaces for individual reflection.

### AWARDS

Urban Land Institute (ULI) award for excellence, Europe (2005)

Building Cleanability Award - National Winner, Heritage (2004)

British Construction Industry Awards Major Project Category - High Recommendation (2004)

Public Private Finance Award 'Best Design Project' (2003)

### CLIENT

HM Treasury and Foster + Partners (for Lend Lease and Exchequer Partnership plc)

### PROJECT DURATION

2000 – 2004 (West 2000-2002, East 2002-2004).

### SIZE

1000m<sup>2</sup> per courtyard

### ARCHITECT

Foster + Partners

### ENGINEERS

Waterman Partnership

### COST CONSULTANT

Atkins Faithful and Gould

### CONTRACTOR

Bovis (Main Contractor)

Hasmead (Landscape subcontractor)

### LIGHTING DESIGNER

Speirs + Major

